

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0500-0614

Case Title:

Village of Crestwood, IL

Reporting Office:

Chicago, IL, Area Office

Subject of Report:

Interview of (b) (7)(C) on May 8, 2009

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(b) (7)(C) SA
03-JUN-2009, Signed by (b) (7)(C) SA

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (7)(C) SAC
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SYNOPSIS

05/08/2009 - On May 8, 2009, (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. (b) (7)(C) provided information regarding (b) (7)(C) employment with the Village of Crestwood, as well as details from a conversation that (b) (7)(C) had with former Crestwood Mayor (b) (7)(C) in October 2008.

DETAILS

On May 8, 2009, (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)), of (b) (7)(C) , Tinley Park, IL, was interviewed by this reporting agent (RA), Special Agent (b) (7)(C) and Special Agent (b) (7)(C) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division. This interview was conducted the (b) (7)(C) residence.

Upon meeting (b) (7)(C) agents displayed EPA-CID credentials to them. RA advised (b) (7)(C) that investigators wished to speak to (b) (7)(C) regarding (b) (7)(C) former employment with the Village of Crestwood, IL, as well as any additional information that (b) (7)(C) may have that was relevant to the investigation. (b) (7)(C) agreed to speak with investigators.

In summary and not verbatim unless otherwise noted, (b) (7)(C) provided the following information:

(b) (7)(C) wanted to first inform agents that (b) (7)(C) is related to two Crestwood employees. (b) (7)(C) , the water operator, is (b) (7)(C) cousin. (b) (7)(C) the village clerk, is (b) (7)(C) , through marriage.

(b) (7)(C) started working in Crestwood in the 1970s as a part time police officer. (b) (7)(C) could not recall the specific year that (b) (7)(C) was hired. (b) (7)(C) continued working in Crestwood until 1990, when (b) (7)(C) left to work for Chicago Ridge PD. (b) (7)(C) remained at Chicago Ridge from 1990 through 2000. In 2000, (b) (7)(C) went back to work for Crestwood at the Deputy Police Chief, with the rank of commander. (b) (7)(C) stayed at Crestwood until

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2006. In 2006, (b) (7)(C) was informed that (b) was going to be demoted to a patrolman. After several meetings with the village board, (b) (7)(C) retired from the police department.

(b) (7)(C) indicated that (b) lived in Crestwood from the 1970s, until approximately 1982 or 1983, when (b) was going through a divorce.

(b) (7)(C) family remained in Crestwood for many years. While (b) (7)(C) worked at the village, it was not a secret that the drinking water well was in use.

In October 2008, (b) (7)(C) was talking to (b) cousin, (b) (7)(C), who is employed by Crestwood. (b) (7) advised (b) that the former mayor, (b) (7)(C) was back in town from Florida, and that (b) was upset with (b) (7)(C) regarding a website. On a website, topix.com, people had been writing bad comments about (b) (7)(C). (b) (7)(C) believed that person writing the comments was (b) (7)(C). (b) (7) advised (b) (7)(C) to call and speak to the mayor. When (b) (7)(C) contacted (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (7)(C) told (b) (7)(C) that (b) was not the person writing the comments, and the two (b) agreed that they should meet face to face and discuss this.

The (b) met at the Paragon restaurant, located at 133rd Street and Cicero Avenue, in Crestwood. The conversation started out as "small talk", with (b) (7)(C) asking (b) (7)(C) how (b) business was doing. As the conversation went on, (b) (7)(C) made mention of the IEPA. (b) (7)(C) indicated that the village was having problems with the EPA, as the village was being fined for utilizing their well. (b) (7)(C) then asked why the village had not done what they had been told to do with respect to using the well. (b) (7)(C) replied that it was (b) (7) town." (b) (7)(C) then told (b) (7)(C) that (b) should work with the IEPA to help fix the problem.

(b) (7)(C) then told (b) (7)(C) that (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) then stated (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)." When (b) (7)(C) asked (b) (7)(C) to specify what (b) meant regarding the two comments, (b) refused. (b) (7)(C) went on to tell (b) (7)(C) that (b) wanted to put a water filtration system in for the village.

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